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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

10 JAMES BLAIS and GAIL BLAIS, )

11 Plaintiffs, )

12 vs. )

13 WASHINGTON STATE )  
14 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, )  
15 YOUTH AND FAMILIES, )

16 Defendant. )  
17 \_\_\_\_\_ )

NO. 20-CV-00187-SMJ

PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND  
FINAL JUDGMENT

18 WHEREAS Plaintiffs have commenced this action by filing the complaint  
19 herein; this Court has earlier entered an order granting in part and denying in part  
20 Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction [ECF No. 56], the parties have agreed  
to settlement of this action without final adjudication of any issues of fact or law,  
and without Defendant admitting that any issue of fact or law other than those  
relating to jurisdiction and venue are true;

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1           THEREFORE, on joint motion of Plaintiffs and Defendant, it is hereby  
2           ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

3           The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF),  
4           when considering an application for a foster family home license or a family home  
5           study:

6           1.     Is permanently enjoined from using or applying Policy 6900 to a foster  
7           family home license applicant or a family home study applicant;

8           2.     Is permanently enjoined from requiring a foster family home license  
9           applicant or a family home study applicant to express agreement with any policy  
10          regarding LGBTQ+ issues that conflicts with the applicant's sincerely held religious  
11          views;

12          3.     Is permanently enjoined from using Department July 2018 Roll Out  
13          Questions & Answers to the extent inconsistent with this agreement; and

14          4.     May take an applicant's views on LGBTQ+ issues into account when  
15          reviewing foster family home license applications or family home study  
16          applications. However, the applicant's sincerely held religious beliefs regarding  
17          LGBTQ+ issues cannot serve to disqualify them. DCYF will accommodate the  
18          applicant's sincerely held religious beliefs regarding LGBTQ+ foster children  
19          placed in their care. But the applicant agrees to follow the child's case plan and to

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1 allow the physical, medical, mental, psychological, emotional, cultural, and social  
2 needs of foster children who identify as LGBTQ+ or who may so identify in the  
3 future to be met in their care. The child's case plan and needs will be assessed and  
4 determined by the dependency court, the Department, and the child's legal parents  
5 or guardians.

6 Nothing in this Order prohibits DCYF from making placement decisions  
7 based upon Policy 6900 or the individual medical, psychological, or other needs of  
8 the child DCYF is considering placing with a foster parent.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED and the Clerk is directed to close the file on this case.

10 DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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12 \_\_\_\_\_  
SALVADOR MENDOZA, JR.  
13 United States District Judge

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